

MINUTES

BOARD OF EXAMINATION AND REGISTRATION OF ARCHITECTS

DATE: September 14, 2009

PLACE: Department of Business Regulation (DBR)
1511 Pontiac Avenue, Bldg 69-1 Conference Room
Cranston, RI 02920

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wilbur E. Yoder, David R. Prengaman, Barbara Feibelman, and Christian J. Ladds

MEMBERS ABSENT: John K. Grosvenor and Brian J. Riggs

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard W. Bernstein, DBR Executive Counsel
Dawne Broadfield, Board Executive

CALLED TO ORDER: Chair Yoder called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

to commence Board business.

Attorney Bernstein left at 2:42 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

(1) Mr. Ladds moved to approve the open meeting minutes of August 17, 2009 as published. Secretary Feibelman seconded. Vice-Chair

Prengaman abstained since he was not present at that meeting. Motion approved.

(2) Mr. Ladds moved to approve and seal the executive session meeting minutes of the August 17, 2009 as published. Secretary Feibelman seconded. Vice-Chair Prengaman abstained since he was not present at that meeting. Motion approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

(1) Mr. Ladds moved to convene into executive session at 1:10 p.m. pursuant to RI General Laws, §42-46-5 (a)(2) for sessions or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation and §42-46-5 (a)(4) for investigative proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Vice-Chair Prengaman seconded. Motion approved.

(2) Mr. Ladds moved to adjourn from executive session and to reconvene to an open meeting at 2:07 p.m. pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-4. Vice-Chair Prengaman seconded. Motion approved.

(3) Mr. Ladds moved to seal the executive session and record the votes taken in executive session pursuant to RI General Laws §42-46-4 and §42-46-5. Vice-Chair Prengaman seconded. Motion approved. No votes were taken at this time.

(4) Mr. Ladds moved pursuant to RI General Law §42-46-4 that the

Board defer disclosure of all votes in executive session until such time as such disclosure would not jeopardize any strategy, negotiation, or investigation undertaken concerning RI General Law §42-46-5(a). Vice-Chair Prengaman seconded. Motion approved.

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OLD BUSINESS

(1) Record Retention Schedule

The Board is currently working under the Secretary of State's "General Schedule" and will be working in the future to develop a schedule specifically for Design Professionals. This has been continued.

(2) 2009 Legislative Session

Attorney Bernstein updated the Board that the Legislature adjourned in June 2009 and was supposed to reconvene in September 2009 but will now reconvene in mid-October 2009. DBR has several bills that have not been acted on and he will continue monitoring them.

(3) On-line Renewals for "Individuals"

On-line renewal applications for individual registration are moving forward. The Letter of Acceptance Sign-off was signed by all interested parties and will launch live on October 5, 2009. The

renewal postcards will be mailed to all registered architects on October 5, 2009. This item has been removed from the agenda and will be added back to the January, 2010 agenda in order to formalize.

(4) Discussion on Legislative Changes to the Rhode Island General Laws governing “Architects”

Attorney Bernstein indicated that proposed law changes must be submitted to the Governor by the end of November. Mrs. Broadfield incorporated the suggested changes made at the last meeting and distributed the document for review. The Board members will re-review the proposed law changes and the current law for any further suggestions and continue to the next meeting.

(5) Review of “Form Letters” signed by the Board Secretary

The Board reviewed the following “Form Letters” with no changes:” Deceased – Return Stamp; Certificate of Authorization (COA) Inactive – Responsible Control – Deceased; COA – Final Notice to Submit “Good Standing;” Letter of Inquiry – Not Registered – Yellow Pages; and Letter of Inquiry – Not Registered – Website Advertisement.

(6) DBR Enforcement Actions (Publishing on Websites)

Secretary Feibelman moved to continue in order for the Board to review this section of the DBR website. Vice-Chair Prengaman

seconded. Motion approved.

(7) Annual Meeting with the Building Officials and the State Building Code Commissioner

- **Plan for Spring 2010 Meeting.**
- **Informational Bulletin March 2009 – Reminder of Registration Laws for Landscape Architects in Rhode Island.**

Mrs. Broadfield will contact the previous Board members and inquire how they scheduled and attended this meeting.

BLUE BOOKS (RECIPROCITY)

(A) Vice-Chair Prengaman moved to approve the following Blue Books as submitted with an expiration date of December 31, 2009. Mr. Ladds seconded. Motion approved.

- (1) HAWKINS, David Alvin (4) SIEMASKO, AIA, Thaddeus S.**
(2) MIRONTSCHUK, Victor A. (5) ZERJAV, Leo Charles
(3) PAYETTE, Scott C.

(B) Secretary Feibelman moved to approve the following Blue Book as submitted with an expiration date of December 31, 2009 pending receipt of an acceptable checked box on the “Tax Affidavit”. Mr. Ladds seconded. Motion approved.

- (1) WISEMAN, W. Kenneth**

GREEN BOOK (INITIAL REGISTRATION)

(A) After receipt of a letter from Mr. Haskett's accountant regarding his tax status, Mr. Ladds moved to approve the following Green Book for Initial Registration as a newly registered architect as submitted with an expiration date of December 31, 2009. Secretary Feibelman seconded. Motion approved.

(1) HASKETT, Joseph H.

CERTIFICATES OF AUTHORIZATION (COA) APPLICATIONS (See Attached List)

(A) Vice-Chair Prengaman moved to approve the applications for the Certificates of Authorization for the Sole Proprietorships for Joseph F. Fournier, Jr., AIA, DBA JFF Design Architects & Planners; distill studio; and Christopher T. Wise Architect as submitted. Secretary Feibelman seconded. Motion approved.

(B) Vice-Chair Prengaman moved to approve the application for the Certificate of Authorization for the Limited Liability Company for Paul F. Weber – Architect, LLC as submitted. No Certificate of Authorization was issued. The name was changed from Paul F. Weber, AIA, Architect. Secretary Feibelman seconded. Motion approved.

(C) Vice-Chair Prengaman moved to approve the applications for the Certificates of Authorization for the Corporations for Atlantis Group, Inc.; EDI Architecture, P.C.; and M. Gensler, Jr. and Associates, Inc. as submitted. Secretary Carlson seconded. Motion approved.

(D) Vice-Chair Prengaman moved to approve the Change in Responsible Control adding Kevin T. Ball for the application for Certificate of Authorization for the Corporation for RRMM Architects, P.C., #A-14,161, as submitted. Ms. Feibelman seconded. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS

(1) Newly Registered Architects

The American Institute of Architects/Rhode Island Chapter (AIA/ri) will hold its annual meeting to recognize the newly Rhode Island registered architects on October 29, 2009. A Board member will present them with a citation from the Governor.

(1) New England Conference of Architectural Registration Boards (NECARB)

The NECARB Fall Meeting will be held October 23 - 25, 2009 in Durham, NH.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Yoder announced that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for October 19, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at 1511 Pontiac Avenue, Conference Room 69-1, Cranston, RI 02920. Secretary Feibelman moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:58 p.m. Mr. Ladds seconded. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

**Barbara Feibelman, AIA
Secretary**

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C. O. A. APPLICATIONS

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SOLE PROPRIETORSHIPS

JOSEPH F. FOURNIER, JR., AIA

**DBA JFF DESIGN ARCHITECTS & PLANNERS - 0 APPROVED –
09/14/09**

DISTILL STUDIO - 0 - APPROVED – 09/14/09

CHRISTOPHER T. WISE ARCHITECT - 0 - APPROVED – 09/14/09

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

PAUL F. WEBER – ARCHITECT, LLC - 0 – APPROVED – 09/14/09

No Number issued – Name Change from:

Paul F. Weber, AIA, Architect

CORPORATIONS

ATLANTIS GROUP, INC. \$100. APPROVED – 09/14/09

EDI ARCHITECTURE, P.C. \$100. APPROVED – 09/14/09

**M. GENSLER, JR. AND ASSOCIATES, INC. \$100. APPROVED –
09/14/09**

RRMM ARCHITECTS, P.C. - 0 - APPROVED – 09/14/09

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Adding Kevin T. Ball

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